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SUBJECT: KARACHI BOMB BLASTS

REF: ISLAMABAD 9832; LAHORE 1401

1. KARACHI, WHICH IN RECENT MONTHS HAD NOT SUFFERED THE BOMB INCIDENTS REPORTED FROM PUNJAB AND THE FRONTIER (REFTELS), HAD ITS FIRST BOMB SCARE OCTOBER 22. THE EXPLOSION OF A MAIL BAG AT THE CITY RAILWAY STATION CAUSED PANIC BUT NO INJURIES OR

DAMAGE; THE BAG WAS LATER DISCOVERED TO HAVE CONTAINED ONLY FIRE-CRACKERS AND TOY PISTOLS.

2. THE EXPLOSION OF A BOMB IN A LETTER BOX AT THE OLD GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING LATE ON OCTOBER 30 WAS MORE SERIOUS. ELEVEN MAIL SORTERS WERE INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY. THE LETTER-BOX WAS DESTROYED, A LARGE HOLE WAS BLOWN IN THE CEMENT WALL, AND THE FIRE BRIGADE WAS CALLED TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES.

3. SIND CHIEF MINISTER JATOI ORDERED THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE TO PROBE THE INCIDENT. AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE, INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO SEAL ALL WALL LETTER-BOXES IN

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PAKISTAN. NIN EXPENSIVE IMPORTED METAL AND EXPLOSIVE-

DETECTING DEVICE WAS SHIFTED FROM LAHORE TO KARACHI. DEBRIS IS BEING ANALYZED BY EXPERTS. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, SIND, OPINED THAT A PLASTIC BOMB HAD CAUSED THE EXPLOSION. ACCORDING TO THE VERNACULAR PRESS, 25 SUSPECTS WERE BEING INTERROGATED AND ONE ARREST HAD BEEN MADE.

4. COMMENT: TO DATE, NO ONE HAS ACCUSED AGENTS OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES OR OF NEIGHBORING POWERS OF HAVING PLANTED THE BOMB. NONETHELESS, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED MILLION PATHANS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND BALUCH IN KARACHI, INCLUDING STUDENTS, TO WHOSE ACTIVITIES OFFICIAL AND/OR PRESS ATTENTION MIGHT SOON BE DRAWN.
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